

Appn No. 10/760,263
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Response to Office Action of November 15, 2005

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks Examiner for the detailed Office Action dated November 15, 2005. In response to the issues raised, the Applicant offers the following submissions.

35 U.S.C. §102 - CLAIMS 1-6

Claims 1 to 6 stand rejected for lack of novelty in light of the disclosure in US 6,347,864 to Silverbrook et al.

The Applicant disagrees. The cited reference does not teach a removable printer cartridge with printing fluid storage, a printhead and assembly with filter to direct air over the printhead. The citation describes a compact print engine 500 for incorporation into small electronic devices such as cameras, PDA's and so on. The cartridge 504 does not have a printhead or an assembly with air filter. The cartridge only has a roll of media, a de-curling roller assembly and ink reservoirs. The air pump 522, the air channel 518, the filter 740 and printhead 516 are part of the non-removable sub-assemblies of the print engine 500. The print engine 500 is not a cartridge for installation and subsequent removal from an inkjet printer. The print engine is itself the printer that is mounted within a hand held electronic device.

Claim 1 is clearly restricted to a removable cartridge. Likewise, the method defined in independent claim 4 is restricted to printheads in removable cartridges that also have air filters. The cited reference does not describe or suggest such a cartridge.

In light of the above, US 6,347,864 to Silverbrook et al. does not anticipate claims 1 to 6.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejection has been successfully traversed and the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,
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